

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

- 1-21. (Canceled)
22. (New) A process for combating acarids on a textile surface, comprising the step of applying to said surface an efficient amount combating acarids amount of zinc sulphide.
23. (New) A composition having acarid-combating properties comprising zinc sulphide as additive.
24. (New) The composition according to Claim 23, wherein the zinc sulphide presents a proportion by weight of less than or equal to 5% with respect to the total weight of the composition.
25. (New) The composition according to Claim 23, being a liquid or solid composition for cleaning and/or treating textile surfaces.
26. (New) The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the surfaces are carpets or fitted carpets.
27. (New) The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the zinc sulphide represents a proportion of at least 0.05% of the dry weight of the composition.
28. (New) The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the composition is a liquid composition comprising from 10 to 98% of its weight of water and optionally from 0.1 to 50% of its weight of at least one organic solvent.

29. (New) The composition according to Claim 25, further comprising at least one filler.
30. (New) The composition according to Claim 29, wherein the filler is a sodium borate decahydrate.
31. (New) The composition according to Claim 30, wherein the filler represents from 40 to 98.5% of the weight of the composition.
32. (New) The composition according to Claim 23, wherein the composition is polymeric.
33. (New) The composition according to Claim 32, further comprising a thermoplastic matrix.
34. (New) The composition according to Claim 33, wherein the thermoplastic matrix is a thermoplastic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyamides; polyesters; polyolefins,; aromatic polyamides; polyamideimides; polyimides; latices,; PVC; PET; PBT; PTT; viscose; cellulose; and cellulose acetate.
35. (New) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is polyamide 6, polyamide 6,6, polyamide 11, polyamide 12, polyamide 4, polyamide 4,6, polyamide 6,10, polyamide 6,12, polyamide 6,36, polyamide 12,12, polypropylene, polyethylene, acrylic lattices, or urethane lattices
36. Yarns, fibres or filaments made by the process of spinning a polymeric composition as defined in Claim 32.
37. Article formed from a polymeric composition as defined in Claim 32.
38. Article obtained from yarns, fibres or filaments as defined in Claim 36.

39. A composite textile article with acarid-combating properties, wherein at least one of the components of the article comprises zinc sulphide.
40. (New) The textile article according to Claim 39, comprising, as components, at least one backing and yarns, fibres or filaments.
41. (New) The textile article according to Claim 41, further comprising an adhesive.
42. (New) The textile article according to Claim 40, wherein the yarns, fibres or filaments comprise zinc sulphide.
43. (New) The textile article according to Claim 40, wherein the backing comprises zinc sulphide.
44. (New) The textile article according to Claim 41, wherein the adhesive comprises zinc sulphide.
45. (New) The textile article according to Claim 39, having a flocked surface or a tufted surface.